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The government coined last year 21,203,701 silver dollars—one for about every third person.

Tom Watson, middle-of-the-road populist, declares that the populist party is on its last legs. Fusion, he says, is dissolving populism, and former democrats and republicans are returning to the old parties.

Three inches of snow are reported to have fallen in some places in Colorado Monday, and the weather was uncomfortably cool even in Denver. The thermometer took a run in a different direction in this section.

The House passed the tariff bill Tuesday morning by a vote of 185 to 118. The bill was reported back to the Senate the same day, and, unless democratic tactics prevent, will be passed by that body this week.

England's national debt appears to be the only one that is decreasing among the great powers of the world. For the past five years the United States has increased her debt about \$125,000 daily, and in the same time England has decreased her debt about \$100,000 daily.

According to the weather bureau the storm of last week was heaviest in the Connecticut river valley in southern New England. In Hartford and Windsor, Conn., the rain-fall was 9.17, while it was 6.01 inches in Burlington and over five inches in Northfield, two Vermont towns.

During the past six months Nebraska has paid off in mortgage indebtedness \$28,000,000. If this thing keeps on Nebraska farmers will be inclined to dispute Bryan when he returns home and tells them they are on the sure road to ruin unless the cause of free silver soon triumphs.

Chicago is going to tax vehicles of all kinds and expects in this way to get about \$1,000,000 a year to be used for street improvements. Bicycles will be taxed \$1 a year and carriages and wagons will be taxed as follows: One-horse \$2, two-horse \$3, three-horse, \$5, four-horse \$7, six-horse \$10.50, eight-horse \$12.

W. J. Bryan will spend a month in Mexico in the fall. The object of his visit will be to study the condition of business affairs in a free silver country and accumulate data to be used in his free silver campaign in the United States. But by the time he gets around to use the information obtained, business here is likely to be so good that the free silver doctor will have very few patients.

A new El Dorado has been discovered in Alaska, and seekers after the golden dust are beginning to travel that way. Millions are waiting for miners to dig. The stories of prospective suffering are untrue. The North American transportation will for \$400 guarantee any man sufficient food for a year. It seems impossible to exaggerate the richness of the placer region, and the most conservative tell wonderful stories of wealth acquired.

Massachusetts, Virginia, Ohio and Iowa hold state elections this year. Massachusetts is safely republican and Virginia democratic. In Iowa the democrats feel confident of success because the prohibition question will probably give them the solid German vote. Upon the result in Ohio depends Mark Hanna's election to a full term as United States Senator. His opponent is John R. McLean, a millionaire, the owner of a Cincinnati leading daily paper and a popocrat. He is a strong candidate and may make things interesting for Mr. Hanna.

Offices for Vermonters.

The Vermont delegation have agreed on the four largest offices at the disposal of President McKinley, and in due time the following men will be appointed.

For collector for the district of Vermont, Col. Olin Merrill of Enosburgh Falls; for collector for the district of Memphremagog, ex-Lieut. Gov. Z. M. Mansur of Island Pond; for district attorney, James L. Martin of Brattleboro; for marshal, Fred A. Field of Rutland.

By far the greatest interest centered over the appointment of collector as that office when located at Burlington was worth about \$20,000 a year. But it was decided to divide the district and then the contest centered around the Burlington collectorship for which there were two candidates, Col. G. G. Benedict of the Burlington Free Press and Col. Merrill, the efficient chairman of the state committee and the chairman of the board of railroad commissioners. The delegation was evenly divided between the two applicants, Senator Morrill and Judge Powers favoring Col. Benedict, who held the office under President Harrison. But the senior senator finally traded his choice of Col. Benedict for ex-Speaker Martin for district attorney and Col. Merrill, who was backed by the young republicans all over the state, received the plum.

Mr. Martin did more than any other Vermonter to turn the tide at the state convention from Reed to McKinley, and the President knew this and wanted to recognize it. He was offered the assistant secretaryship of war, the position of minister to Venezuela and other diplomatic appointments. But he declined all these and gets the district attorneyship which pays \$3,000 a year. The candidates for this position were W. A. Lord of Montpelier, G. E. Lawrence of Rutland, James L. Martin of Brattleboro, Wilder L. Burnap of Burlington and Alexander Dunnett of St. Johnsbury. Mr. Dunnett had a strong backing from this section, and would have filled the office creditably to himself and the state.

Col. Z. M. Mansur had many backers for the position in St. Johnsbury, and both he and Col. Merrill are deserving of such recognition and will make excellent collectors.

Mr. Field is best known in St. Johnsbury from the fact that he is past grand master of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias. During the Harrison administration he was postmaster at Rutland. His salary will be \$2,500 a year.

In the list of consuls appointed last week appears the names of Gen. Wm. W. Henry of Burlington, who will go to Quebec, and Delmar Vail of Orwell, who will go to Charlotte-town, Prince Edward Island. Vermont now has six consuls, more than has usually been allotted to the state. Smith of Middlebury is at Leghorn, Italy; Dennison of Pittsford at Woodstock, Canada; Foster of Derby Line, consul general at Halifax, N. S., and Linsley, a gold democrat, is allowed to hold over in Coaticook, Canada.

Boston Summer Attractions.

(Correspondence of the CALEDONIAN.)

Those people who are so fortunate as to be situated for the summer at some cool farm or beach or camp are no doubt saying: "Well, I'm glad I'm not obliged to be in the city in this weather. It must be dreadful. I do not see how any one endures it."

I do not deny that we do have many oppressively warm days, and yet we have compensations in the pleasant car rides or drives or bicycle trips which we can enjoy without loss of valuable time and at no great expense. Let me speak of some of them.

Take a Newton Boulevard car, for instance, at Park Street church, and go out to the terminus of the boulevard at Auburndale. This is one of the most beautiful and restful of trips. The car passes through Brookline, one of our most attractive suburban cities, past the green banks and blue waters of the reservoir, and through meadows and woods to Norumbega park, a tract newly laid out, and bordered by the Charles river. If you are so fortunate as to secure a front seat, and it is a clear day, you can see, as you pass through the Newtons, the summit of Wachusett mountain, rising in misty blue on the horizon.

Norumbega park is at the terminus of the boulevard. Enter here, if you are in search of amusement, and listen to the entertainment given in the open air theatre. Take a passing glance at the various other recreations, and then embark in a canoe and paddle slowly up the river. Suppose it is a Saturday night in June. The Newton Club boat house will be illuminated with gay colored Japanese lanterns, as will the bridges on each side; the band will be playing on

the balcony, while many other canoes, bearing pretty girls and gallant boatmen, will be floating about in true Venetian style.

Above this place are the Riverside Recreation grounds, designed for the school girls and boys of Newton, and containing, at present, a refectory, swimming pool, boat and bath house, with canoes for the use of the members of the club. The design is to make this place much larger and fitted with facilities for various amusements enjoyed by school children.

Return to the park at 9 o'clock if you care to see the electric fountain which plays at that time for 15 minutes in many bright colors and combinations of colors.

The shores of the Charles from Boston to Riverside on the one bank and Waltham on the other are one day to be made a continuous park.

If you are fond of the shore, take a car at Cornhill which conveys you in a short time to Crescent Beach. This is a fine place to study human nature, for, by reason of its proximity to the city and method of cheap conveyance, "everybody" goes there. But shut your eyes to any unpleasant features and wander up and down the long beach, and see the happy children running out to meet the waves or digging in the sand, and you will wish you could join them in their play and forget for the time that there is anything in the world more serious than building sand castles or more urgent than amassing heaps of smooth white stones.

This beach is now under the management of the Metropolitan Park Commissioners, who have instituted various improvements. They have caused the narrow guage railroad to be removed farther up on the beach, and have built a large house for the benefit of bathers and levied certain much needed restrictions in the matter of hours and dress for bathing.

A delightful trolley ride may be taken from Neponset to Arlington Heights, a distance of more than ten miles, passing through real country scenery.

Franklin park, situated between Dorchester and Jamaica Plain and appropriately named after Benjamin Franklin, the friend of the common people, is one of the largest and most frequented of Boston's breathing places. It covers a tract of 520 acres and contains grounds for ball, croquet and other games, a refectory and roof garden, a shaded overlook commanding a view of the playgrounds, and nooks and arbors specially designed for picnic parties, accomplishing well the design for which it was intended, to "counteract the oppression of town life," and to "give the scenery the soothing charm which lies in the qualities of breadth, distance, depth, intricacy, atmospheric perspective and mystery." There is almost no artificial adornment in the park. Sheep graze in some parts of it, and there is a design to build a large dairy and supply the people with dairy produce. Schoolmaster hill in this park was once the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Franklin Park is connected by trolley lines with Marine park, City Point, South Boston. This has been for many years the greatest rendezvous for yachts in this country. There is a large refectory here with 500 rooms in the basement for the convenience of bathers.

About half a mile out in the harbor is Castle Island, connected with the mainland by a pier. On the island is old Fort Independence, now considered useless unless in case of sudden attack, and which is in charge of a sergeant of the United States Army. It is not open to the inspection of the public. The old fort was the first fortification in Boston Bay. Castle Island affords a pleasant site for picnic parties, especially at tea-time, for then they can watch the sun set behind the gilded dome of the State House, marking out an iridescent path over the water, with the waves dimpling and rippling underneath; and as it sinks the smoke and steam of the city throws a dreamy haze over it all, making a very beautiful sight.

From Franklin park one can go by carriage or bicycle by several beautiful roads through a continuous park system. The Arnold Arboretum, containing the Harvard College botanical gardens, is nearest. In this is the famous hemlock forest, where the trees are never cut down, and the leaves of many years have made a soft, thick carpet over the earth. A wonderful view is to be obtained from the high points of the arboretum. Then comes Jamaica park, with its pond on which is a steam yacht, Leverett park and the Back Bay Fens, where may be seen Daniel C. French's fine statue in honor of John Boyle O'Reilly. From the Fens it is but a short distance to the Public Garden and the Common of Boston. Just walk through the gardens, now glowing with a wealth of flowers, and on through the common where tired men sleep at noontide on the grass, and children roll down the smooth slopes or wade in the ponds.

I have been able to give the readers of the CALEDONIAN only a glimpse of a few of our outing places. There are many others of equal attractiveness. But I think they will agree with me that there are compensations for an enforced residence in the city during the hot months.

Randsboro people have been forced to import colored girls from Pennsylvania because of the scarcity of domestic help.

July Freshets.

History repeats itself in regard to storms and convulsions of nature as well as in human events. The disastrous freshets of last week in Vermont—though it is said that in some places the water of the streams was higher than ever was known before—were by no means unprecedented as regards quantities of water or amount of destruction. Perhaps the most destructive freshet on record in this state was that of July, 1830. The season that year resembled closely the season of the present year. Up to the 15th of July the weather was unusually cold and wet, then came the greatest downfall of water from the mercury ranging from 90 to 94 in the shade every day for seven days. Then after four days of clear and calm weather came the greatest downfall of water from the clouds ever recorded in this part of Vermont. At Burlington 3.85 inches fell in 16 hours, and seven inches in three days. The Winooski river rose twenty feet in some places. The New Haven river in Addison county, changed its channel in the night of the 26th, in the town of New Haven, and swept away several farm houses, and fourteen inmates of them were drowned. In the northern and central parts of Vermont the destruction of bridges, mills, and other buildings was beyond computation.

Twenty years later, on the 19th of July 1850, following a very hot spell, there was a tremendous rainfall. At Burlington 3.23 inches of water fell. At Montpelier five inches fell. That village was inundated. Boats came up to the steps of the Pavilion Hotel. All the highway bridges between Northfield and Montpelier were swept away. The stone arch railroad bridge below Northfield was destroyed, the great granite blocks being swept down stream for many rods. Five railroad bridges were carried away on the Rutland railroad. The Vermont Central track between Waterbury and Essex was almost wholly swept away, and it was more than two weeks before any train ran over that portion of the road. These were more destructive freshets than the one of July, 1897.—[Burlington Free Press.]

State News.

"Aunt" Nabby Welch of Groton if she lives until the last day of July will reach the age of 100 years, and her friends and relatives will celebrate the event on Saturday, July 31, at the old homestead near Mt. Medad and now occupied by H. N. Welch, her grandson. "Aunt" Nabby is the only person who was born in Groton and has always lived there that has reached the age of 100. This will be a notable event, as few towns can claim a continuous residence of 100 years for an inhabitant. Everyone, from all sections of the county, is invited to be present. The people of Groton are requested to bring refreshments, as a dinner will be served, that all may make merry this occasion. Friends and relatives from several states are expected to be present.

Moses Pierce died at his home in Derby Line July 5 at the great age of 104 years. He had lived to see the administration of all the presidents except Washington's first. He lived in Canada for many years and was born in Corinth in 1793. He was the oldest of 12 children and has four sisters living, the oldest of whom is 92 years old and the youngest 79. He also has a brother living who is 75 years old, and both of his parents were over 80 years old when they died. He passed his 104th birthday May 25 last, but the event was not celebrated owing to the inclemency of the weather. He has three children living, Mrs. Susan Blodgett with whom he lived, Mrs. Ann Piper of Aver, Mass., and Tilliston Pierce of Somerville, Mass. He has always been a sturdy politician and was delighted with McKinley's election. Franklin Pierce, president of the United States from 1853 to 1857, was Moses Pierce's nephew.

At a meeting of the Montpelier electric railway officers were elected as follows: President, J. S. Pierson of Burlington; vice president, J. J. Flynn of Burlington; treasurer, A. O. Humphrey of Burlington; assistant treasurer, George Butman of Boston, and secretary, H. K. Bush of Barre.

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About 11.30 o'clock Friday night fire was discovered in the kitchen of the Welden House, St. Albans, and in spite of the efforts of the firemen it soon spread from the flat roof of the hotel to the high cornice of the west ell, where it rapidly gained a headway that was uncontrollable and the flames swept the building from cellar to garret, completely gutting it and destroying one of the landmarks of St. Albans. The largest and most excited crowd that has assembled since that big fire in 1894 gathered on the park but were powerless to check the havoc. A defective flue was the cause of the fire. The house was full of guests but all escaped. Most of the furniture was saved. The Welden bank and post office saved their contents. The hotel was one of the finest in the state and was owned by John A. Greenway of Syracuse. Insured for \$27,000. The hotel was opened 31 years ago and the original cost with subsequent additions and improvements was about \$200,000. The building has had several proprietors.

How to Help Horses Endure the Heat.

George T. Angell sends out the following suggestions for the comfort of the horses: "On a very hot day keep a sponge, a towel, or your handkerchief soaked with pure cold water on the top of your horse's head. If your horse's back is sore, use pure cold water on it freely every time the saddle is removed. In hot weather tell the driver of your herd, cab or carriage, to drive slowly, especially up hills, and give him five or ten cents extra for doing it. In hot weather be sure your check-rein is loose and your horse frequently watered. In hot weather a mouthful of grass, or a piece of bread, or a cracker, even, will help your horse wonderfully."

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